

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 475
By Coleman

A RESOLUTION to recognize Nancye Johns on the occasion of her retirement as a second grade elementary school teacher in Rutherford County.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those dedicated educators who in their years of teaching have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm, and have positively influenced many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Nancye Johns is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 40 years as an elementary school teacher in Rutherford County; during her distinguished career she has taught at LaVergne Primary School, Smyrna Primary School, and lastly, at John Coleman Elementary School, where she taught second grade; and

WHEREAS, a Career Ladder I teacher, Ms. Johns served as Interim Principal at LaVergne Primary School from March 1974 through May 1974; she is highly regarded by her peers and supervisors who consider her an expert teacher; and

WHEREAS, Nancye Johns has inspired and motivated hundreds of students during her career and is adored by all whom she taught over the years for her patience and compassion; she will be taking a much deserved retirement at the end of this school year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johns is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, and lending her support to many excellent causes; and

WHEREAS, Nancye Johns comes from a family of educators; her sisters, Helen and Connie, taught Mr. Harry Gill, Director of Schools in elementary school. No stranger to awards and accolades, she was voted Teacher of the Year at LaVergne Primary School in 1987, was selected to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* in 1996, and was awarded Top Teacher of the Week by Fox 17 on September 25, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johns exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Nancye Johns has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues, her supervisors, and her students and their parents; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Ms. Nancye Johns our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.